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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER VORSTER'S SPEECHES ON
SEPTEMBER 8 AND 10

1. I HAVE JUST RELAYED YOUR MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER
CONCERNING THE HANDLING OF THE ZURICH DISCUSSIONS IN HIS
SEPTEMBER 8 AND 10 SPEECHES. HE WAS WORKING ON HIS REMARKS
AT THE TIME I GOT IN TOUCH
WITH HIM. HE SAID IT HAD BEEN HIS
INTENTION TO FOLLOW THAT APPROACH AND YOU MAY BE SURE HE WILL
NOT DEVIATE
FROM IT. HE NOTED THAT ONLY HIS SEPTEMBER 8
SPEECH WILL BE PUBLIC, THE OTHER ONE TO BE DELIVERED AT A
PARTY CAUCUS STRICTLY BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

2. THE PM WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS THINKING OF INCLUDING
IN HIS REMARKS A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT US-SOUTH AFRICAN
RELATIONS WERE "DRAWING TOGETHER" AS A RESULT OF THE TALKS,
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AND WHAT DID I THINK. RECALLING YOUR EXCHANGE WITH HIM

AT THE CONCLUSION OF YESTERDAY'S SESSION AT THE DOLDER ON THIS ASPECT, I SAID I THOUGHT SUCH A STATEMENT COULD EASILY BE MISUNDERSTOOD AND DETRACT FROM THE PRESENT EFFORT. MY ADVICE THEREFORE WOULD BE TO LIMIT HIS REMARKS TO THE SAG'S WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH CURRENT EFFORTS TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES AND NOT BRING IN THE QUESTION OF THE STATUS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD.

3. IN HIS PUBLIC SPEECH TOMORROW I THINK HE WILL AVOID THE BILATERAL ASPECT, BUT THE TEMPTATION MAY BE TOO GREAT IN THE CLOSED PARTY CAUCUS ON SEPTEMBER 10 WHEN HE WILL BE SEEKING TO REASSURE THE PARTY FAITHFUL.

4. I LEFT WITH HIM COPY OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF YOUR SEPT 6 PRESS CONFERENCE. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID HE MIGHT DRAW ON IT IN HIS REMARKS.
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